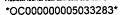


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The invention relates to an optical device for focusing a laser beam, comprising a source of emission of a laser beam, for example a substantially elliptic and astigmatic laser beam, a focusing lens of the laser beam and first means adapted to select a central portion of the laser beam. Said first means are directly applied on the focusing lens, and they comprise coating means made of a stubstantially opaque material which are applied (for example, by spraying, sputtering, evaporation, printing, painting) on a peripheral portion of a front surface of the focusing lens so as to allow the propagation of the central portion of the laser beam and obstruct the propagation of a surrounding portion of beam. The device of the invention is extremely simple from the constructive point of view, and is inexpensive and small-sized. The invention also relates to a method and an apparatus for assembling the optical device, in which the laser source is automatically positioned in optical alignment with the focusing lens.

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